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Lockett Family House
Blocktown Community, Boyds vicinity
Private

c. 1886

This two story frame house was probably built as the residence of a white landowning family. In plan it originally contained two rooms down and two up, and had a three bay facade. In 1923, the house was purchased by a young Black couple from the community, and they extensively improved the house inside and outside, almost doubling the size.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Luckett Family House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Slidell Road

CITY, TOWN

Boyds

X VICINITY OF Blocktown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☒ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED
No

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

H.W. and L.H. Turner

Telephone #: Not listed

STREET & NUMBER

Slidell Road

CITY, TOWN

Boyds

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20720

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story frame house stands on the east side of Slidell Road. Though the house has not been well maintained in recent years, its form shows that it was once a handsome dwelling and considerable care was given to its appearance. Dorothy Luckett Curtis, who lives nearby, was raised in this house, and she has furnished the following description of the evolution of the house.

Originally the house consisted of two rooms, a principal block with a one story section attached to the back length. The frame was covered with weatherboards. The facade consisted of three bays: a door centrally located, flanked by a window on either side. In plan, the interior consisted of two rooms down and two up. The section along the back length consisted of a kitchen and bedroom.

In the mid 1930s the house was drastically "improved". For the purpose the Lucketts hired the local carpenter George Ellison, the same carpenter who constructed the new house for the Talley family in Turnertown. He added a full two story bay window to the southern gable end, removed the brick stove flue that had been built along the southern gable end, and rebuilt it in the front length at the junction of the bay window and the principal block. Along the front of the house he built a shed porch with turned posts and bannisters. In the back of the house he enlarged the kitchen to a full two stories, and doubled its depth. He added a "closed-in porch" behind the original section and built another bedroom above. Next to the bedroom, he added a sun porch. Along the new rear length, he built a shed porch. The result of these enlargements was an attractive home, larger than most of those of rural Black landowners.

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NOTE: The present owner would not permit an investigation on site behind the house nor inside.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW		
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Black History
				Local History

SPECIFIC DATES Late 1880s

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to the deed 332/62, William and Gladys Luckett purchased this tract of 2.20 acres from Charles J. and Mamie R. Kuster in 1923. Dorothy Curtis recalls that the Kuster family was white, so the Lucketts were the first known Black owners.

Dorothy Curtis says that her father was raised in the White Grounds community near Boyds, and her mother in the Jackson home here in the Blacktown community. Her maternal grandparents were Daniel Thomas and Bell Jackson, and their house has been included in this survey. Her paternal grandparents were the Lucketts from White Grounds, and their house has been surveyed too. Neither home is still standing. The house that her parents purchased reflect their upward mobility.

Mrs. Curtis says that her father worked for the county sanitation commission and did construction work, such as laying pipes. During the occupancy of the Luckett family, the dwelling was a "nice home" in appearance. Dorothy Curtis recalls, her mother was "always doing something around the house to keep it attractive".

According to the deed JA 2/89, this property of 2 acres was purchased by Mary ELLEN KUSTER from John W. and Ellen Darby in 1886 for fifty dollars. The low price suggests there was not a dwelling on the property, so the house was probably built soon thereafter. The tract had been a portion of the larger farm of 140 acres owned by John W. Darby.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Dorothy Curtis, by George McDaniel, not taped. Boyds, Maryland, March and April, 1979.
Registry of Deeds, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Maryland.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

4/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Box 87

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Dickerson

Maryland 20753

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Lockett House M-13-33-7
Slidell Road
Boyds, Md.

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Front left view. Looking NNE

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Slidell Road
Boyds, Md.

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Right front view. Looking SSE.

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